



Ss Constantine & Helen

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Pacific

- ✘ We need volunteers to serve as greeters and ushers on Sundays for our church services. Volunteers would need to be at church at 8:30 a.m. Please help us with lining up volunteers in advance, as this is an important part of our in-person church services. If you would like to volunteer, contact Peter Hwu at phwualoha@gmail.com, Trish Kiladis at kiladis1173@comcast.net or reach out to the office at (808) 521-7220 or office@greekorthodoxhawaii.org. **Mahalo for your kokua!**
- ✘ **Adult Religious Education**– On Sunday, December 20th, we will conclude our series on “The Fruit of the Spirit– Patience.” We will take a break/hiatus after that Sunday for the celebrations surrounding the Nativity, Epiphany and St. John the Baptist (December 24th thru January 7th). We will resume our series on Sunday, January 10, 2021.
- ✘ **Young Adult Fellowship**– On Wednesday, December 16th, we will complete our series on “The Fruit of the Spirit– Joy.” We will take a break/hiatus from December 23rd, thru January 7th. We will resume with “The Fruit of the Spirit– Peace” on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

Quote from the Holy Fathers on the Nativity of Christ

“When God became known to us in the flesh, He neither received the passions of human nature, nor did the Virgin Mary suffer pain, nor was the Holy Spirit diminished in any way, nor was the power of the Most High set aside in any manner, and all this was because all was accomplished by the Holy Spirit. thus the power of the Most High was not abased, and the child was born with no damage whatsoever to the mother’s virginity.”

+ St. Gregory of Nyssa



December 13, 2020
11th Sunday of Luke

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Commemoration of: Holy Forefathers; Auxentios & Martyrs of Sebaste;
Lucia the Virgin Martyr; Herman of Alaska

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Ote katilthes (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 2

When You descended to death, O Life immortal, rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your radiant Divinity, and when from the depths of darkness You raised the dead, all the power of Haven were crying out to You, O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

En pisti tus Propatorias (Forefathers) Tone 2
By faith You justified the Forefathers, having through them betrothed to yourself the Church that came out of the nations. The saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave birth to You, is from their progeny. At their entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls. (AgesInitiatives.com)

Tu Stavru Su (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8
Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover of mankind.

Kontakion

I Parthenos simeron Tone 3
*On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give birth * to the pre-eternal Word * in an ineffable manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds * Him who willed that He appear as * a newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God. (AgesInitiatives.com)*

Epistle Reading Colossians 3:4-11
BRETHREN, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Reading Luke 14:16-24
The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I

pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the household-er in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Activities & Announcements

Today

✦ 11th Sunday of Luke; Philoptochos Meeting via Zoom 1 p.m.; Adult Religious Education via Zoom: "The Fruit of the Spirit- Patience" Session 2, 1:35 p.m.

This Week

- ✦ WED, 12/16- Young Adult Fellowship via Zoom: "The Fruit of the Spirit-Joy" Session 3, 7 p.m.
- ✦ THU, 12/17- Prayer Ministry 11 a.m.
- ✦ SAT, 12/19- St. Boniface of Tarsus via Zoom: Orthros 8:30 a.m., followed by Liturgy
- ✦ SUN, 12/20- Sunday before the Nativity; Adult Religious Education via Zoom: "The Fruit of the Spirit- Patience" Session 3, 1:35 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- ✦ **Akathist to Jesus Christ via UberConference**- Monday, December 21st, @ 7 p.m. HT: "Light to Those in Darkness" a live reading of the Akathist to Jesus for those who sojourn on a difficult path this holiday season. *Open to the public.* Hosted by the Prayer Ministry, the program will be via phone conference bridge. Further details soon.

Announcements

- ✦ **Stewardship 2021:** Forms are located on our church website under Our Ministries/Stewardship. Please send your completed form via 1) Scan/email to stewardship@greekorthodoxhawaii.org or 2) Mail to: Sts. Constantine & Helen Cathedral Attn: Stewardship, 930 Lunalilo St., Honolulu, HI 96822 . Email any questions to stewardship@greekorthodoxhawaii.org Attn: Cleo, or contact the office, 521-7220. Thank you for continuing to support our home church.
- ✦ **COVID-19 Relief Fund:** Parishioners who are in need of financial assistance due to the pandemic are encouraged to fill out the application. You may download it from our church website and contact Fr. Alexander Leong.
- ✦ **Fundraiser for Abused Women's Shelter.** Philoptochos will be donating \$10 gift cards this year to the Abused Women's Shelter. Sophia Turchman has been involved in this effort for over 30 years, and the shelter needs help now more than ever. Please send gift cards or checks payable to Philoptochos to Sophia Turchman, 94-824 Lumiauu St. X103, Waipahu, HI 96797. Thank you so much for caring!